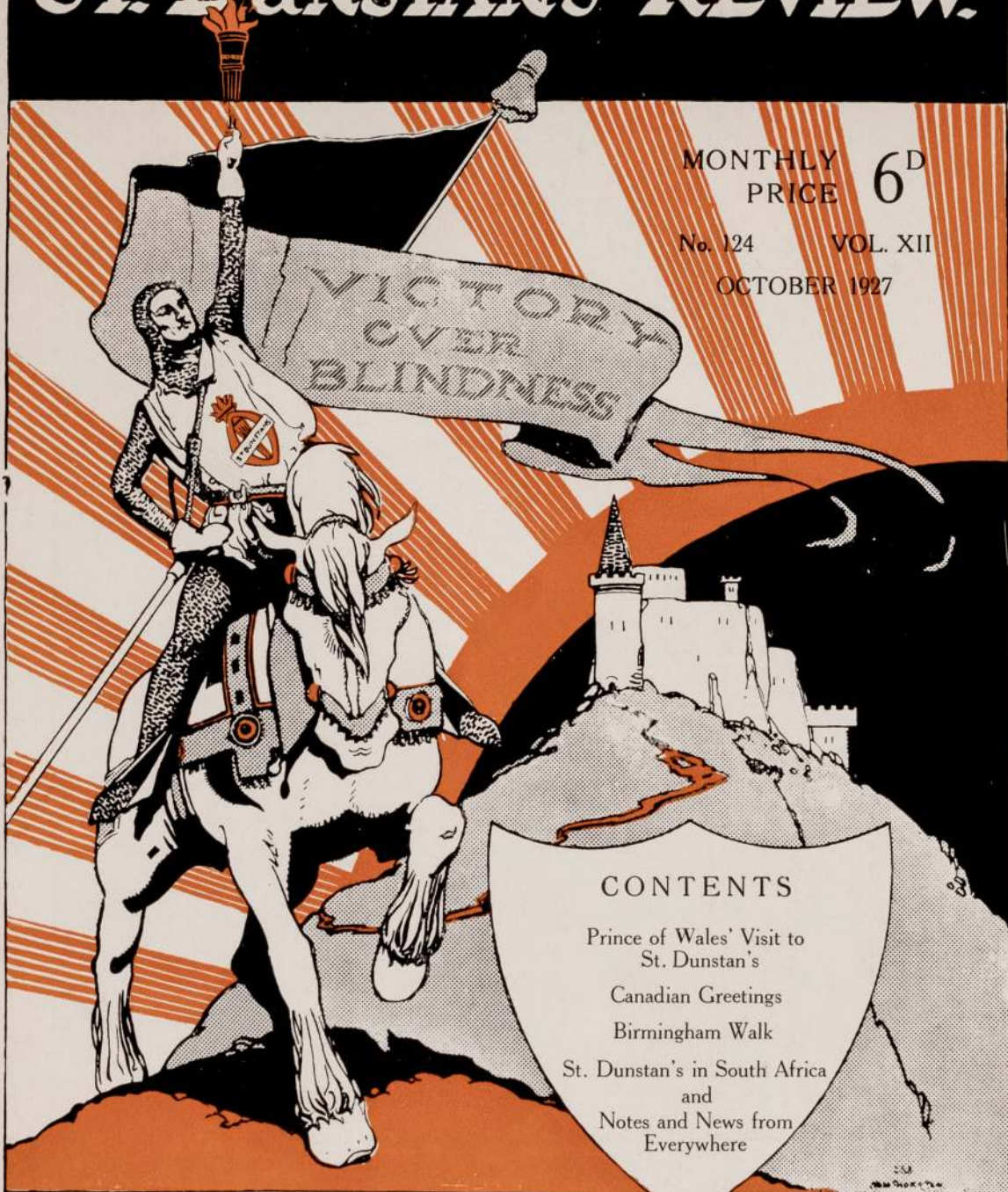


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EDITORIAL NOTES

THE necessity for delaying the publication of this month's issue of the REVIEW is, we think, and we are sure our readers will agree, very fully justified by the reason which prompted it. We do not need to direct special attention to the loose-leaf inset and the announcement on page 8—both stand out as perhaps the most interesting and important announcements which we have had the pleasure of making in these columns for a long time past. The visit to St. Dunstan's of the Heir to the Throne is an event which greatly honours our Organisation and which will give the deepest gratification to everyone connected with it, but when a feature of this visit is to give the signal distinction to our Chairman of the personal presentation by His Royal Highness of the tribute subscribed to by all St. Dunstaners, the occasion becomes one which will make a striking page in the history of our Organisation. We offer on behalf of every St. Dunstaner, past and present, and all members of the staff, our loyal thanks to our Prince for his gracious interest and sincere congratulations to Captain Fraser.

It seems to us that the production of records of certain of the numbers played by St. Dunstan's Band is an event of wider significance than merely the provision of an opportunity for St. Dunstaners and gramophone users generally to have available at any time some of the music of this clever orchestra. The occasion marks another notable step forward in the achievements of individual St. Dunstaners, and shows, too, how little is outside the scope of our war-blinded men, given the determination and the means to make good. While we know that every member of the band pays the highest tribute to the ever-willing help and skilled tuition that has been available from St. Dunstan's music staff, the successes the orchestra has scored for years past, and the high reputation they now enjoy, could not have been gained without real hard work and the keenest desire for constant improvement. We offer them our congratulations, and hope that every gramophone user amongst St. Dunstaners will make a point of purchasing one or more of the records.



NEWS OF ST. DUNSTANERS

AN exceedingly good start has been made by R. Edwards in Hereford, where he has had quite a number of local orders for mats and expects to work up a satisfactory trade with boot-repairing. Good luck to him!

The new dairy, which is the proud possession of R. Viner, of Newport, Mon., is a splendid piece of work, and both Mr. and Mrs. Viner are very proud of it, and all its "gadgets," as the Americans say.

In Worsthorne, H. Edge is building up a useful grocery trade, and, in addition, is working away steadily at "kneelers." When the weather is fine he works out of doors, having had his frame fixed quite near his business. Edge has a device of his own for getting the correct shape for his "kneelers," and uses a block which enables him to stitch the fender on quite easily. He is to be congratulated both upon his initiative and his splendid energy.

Friends will be glad to hear that work has made a new man of W. J. Berry, of Belfast. He declares that now his cane work is going so well and he has overcome his trouble with borders, he "eats well, sleeps well, and has put on weight."

Another Belfast man, S. Holmes, recently set to work on an expanding book-case—not an easy job at any time. It is now finished and delivered, and has met with very great approval.

What with poultry, the garden, a share in some pigs, a horse, and mat-making, W. J. Keen, of Purton, is a very busy man. He had a stroke of ill-luck a short time ago, as someone, who has not yet been caught, staked his pony.

"We keep plodding along," says A. Tillotson, of Nelson, but, indeed, he is doing a good deal more than that, as he attends markets in four different districts. Competition is keen, but Tillotson does not intend to be beaten, and never misses a day, wet or fine. Small wonder he is doing well with his baskets.

Another who is out for success is H. Hague, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and we are confident that he will achieve it. He never loses a chance of securing local orders.

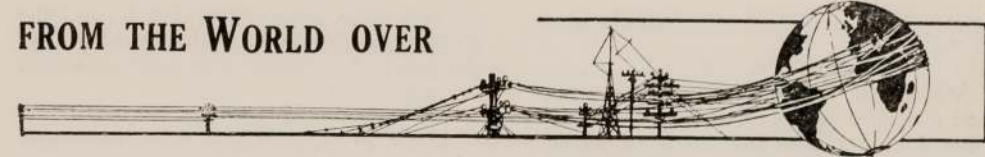
A St. Dunstaner who now looks better than he has done for years is J. Thomas, of Cowbridge, S. Wales, and the whole family seems happy and busy for the poultry and cows are both doing well. Thomas has a motor, which eases things a good deal, but he has just had an expensive accident with it, as, returning from Cardiff, it ran over a broken bottle and cut the tyres so badly that new ones were essential.

All will join in our hearty congratulations to A. Mackie, of Gamrie, and D. Munro, of Aberdeen, who have both had noted success at the Banff Arts and Industrial Associations Show. Mackie, who, by the way, recently secured an order for nine mats, took a "special" and also a first and second prize, while Munro carried off two "specials" and a third for the splendid baskets he exhibited.

H. E. Raymond (of St. Anne's-on-Sea) and his family are all in good health, and he is very busy with his carpentry, just having secured an order for three tables.

"A very busy season," says J. Walch, of Blackpool. His house has been full all the time, except for a week or so in June. The general health of the family is excellent and the baby is bonny.

FROM THE WORLD OVER



"We are doing as well, if not better than anyone else in the town" is the proud report from G. H. Matthews, of Haydock, and we are not surprised, for both Mr. and Mrs. Matthews are determined to succeed and put any amount of thought, as well as work, into the drapery, clogs and boot business they are building up together.

Mats keep F. Aubrey, of Bristol, busily employed. His house is going to look remarkably well when all the repairs and the painting now in process are finished.

Local orders for mats and a reasonable amount of boot work is coming the way of R. Comley, of Cadbury Heath. His friends will be glad to know that he has settled down well in comfortable quarters.

All is going well, too, with R. Harding, of Cirencester, who has established a thriving trade as a tobacconist. Harding is sure to do well, for he is consistently optimistic and goes ahead scorning to be held back by trivialities, and taking up every opportunity to develop his business.

The recent storms have done a good deal of damage to St. Dunstaners' gardens, among them to that of T. W. North, of Walsall, but he refused to be daunted and does what needs doing in a cheery spirit—but, then, North, as all know, is an excellent sportsman.

Life requires courage when a competitor starts up next door, but this little incident, which was discovered by H. McAteer, of Belfast, when he returned from his holiday, has not disheartened him at all. He has set to work to have a big "clean up," and is fixing such a window display that we feel sure the other fellow will soon wish he had not come!

Among the varied possessions of H. Roberts, of Stalybridge, are some 200

birds, 20 or more chinchilla rabbits, and a couple of healthy young pigs, yet with them all he finds time for basket-making, and is now finishing up a special order for a "bath chair mat."

Village life is proving beneficial to F. W. Bull, who is settled in Cheddar, and his family are entering into all the activities of the place with the greatest enthusiasm, all of which makes for happiness and adds to the interest of life.

One of the luckiest of St. Dunstaners, in regard to house accommodation at least, is G. W. Lovett, of Hambridge, Somerset. The district is healthy, the house good, and the surroundings quite charming, we hear. No wonder the Lovett baby is "a most cheery little personage," and a very fine infant for her age.

Friends will be glad to know that J. W. Gilbert, of Barnstaple, is keeping wonderfully well—perhaps because he has been able to get out a good deal in his pony and trap when he goes about the country selling.

Another Devon man is E. W. Found, of Bideford, who, by the way, is getting an immense amount of pleasure out of his wireless set, and is one of the many who listened-in to the Menin Gate ceremony.

What might have been a most serious accident befell one of our holiday makers—L. Johns, who, with his family, was travelling in a small motor. As it was coming out of a side road it was struck by a lorry which was dashing along the main road. It is miraculous that they escaped without personal injury—the car, of course, was damaged.

A most fortunate move has just been accomplished by G. Cocker, who is now settled into a nice council house near Yeovil, and is delighted with his quarters. The house is in a good position, and most

conveniently situated in regard to a school.

What with the loss of a couple of pigs and a neighbour complaining because the cows had got into his patch of wheat, W. H. Wright, of Barlborough, has been having a trying time, but he "keeps smiling" and is always busy—a typical St. Dunstaner!

Several young St. Dunstaners have had accidents during the holiday season, among them one of the sons of W. W. Clarke, of South Bermondsey, who had his head so badly cut that several stitches were required. We are glad to be able to say that he has made good progress.

J. T. Johnson, of Mow Cop, Stoke-on-Trent, is finding how remarkably interesting land can be. He is full of schemes, just accomplished and to be accomplished, such as repairing the fencing, putting a new roof on the pigstye, and fitting it up comfortably for the cow so that there will be more garden space. With so much on hand he is naturally very busy and happy.

"All's well" is the cheery message from C. Brooks, of Brenchley, this month. His poultry is doing satisfactorily, and he has just embarked on pigs—a new venture for him.

A very unpleasant accident befel A. T. Williams, of Camden Town, in the beginning of September, as he was knocked down by a motor cycle when returning from work one night. Luckily, he was only badly bruised and grazed—no bones were broken. Still, it necessitated a few days in bed and considerable discomfort.

Everything going on quite well, says D. O. Evans, of Llansamlet, who is as cheery and happy as ever. Baskets keep him steadily employed, and he is genuinely interested in the work he does.

South Wales is quite a good place for boot workers, but locality is not everything, and E. Hughes, of Cwmgrwack, is

to be cordially congratulated on the flourishing business he has worked up. He has had as many as 91 pairs sent in in a single week.

Many St. Dunstaners swim well, and these will be particularly interested in hearing of the exploits of J. H. Greaves, of Oldham. He recently gave a swimming exhibition (in aid of a charity) in the public baths, and performed no end of "stunts," ornamental life-saving, diving, &c., the latter with a blind civilian boy on his shoulders. He is looking forward to teaching his own infant son to swim so soon as he can walk. We trust he will be as valiant as his father.

W. Sankey is most happily settled in New Tredegar, and has plenty of company since his sister and her family have moved into his new house.

The young son of T. Shepherd, of Leighton Buzzard, has started off in the world and promises to be as good a man as his father. During his first week his work was so good that he was paid a small premium.

In Glasgow N. McDonald is working in a furniture factory. J. Broadley tells us that the paper business is somewhat quiet at the moment. J. Irvine is making wool mats.

Another of our (Scott) St. Dunstaners is R. Gifford, who is doing well with poultry amid the historic surroundings of Linnithgow.

W. Agate has just had a workshop erected in Alton, and is very pleased with it. We hope he will have no idle hours while there.

The berth with the Provincial Insurance Co. in Kendall which was secured by J. W. Cookson is proving most interesting. J. G. Straughton, of Workington, is also getting on well with his job.

J. A. Dunlop is another whose workshop has been recently erected, and he has already secured several local orders.

Affairs are somewhat quiet in Lockerbie, but G. B. Swanston had a sudden order not so very long ago for six trays all at once.

H. Bridgeman does not find so much work in Derby as he feels he could tackle, but he has had various useful orders for baskets, including one for a very special dog. Knowing what a hard-working fellow he is, we are not surprised that he is cogitating as to how trade is to be increased.

The recent singing competition at Morecambe was a great success, according to T. Till, of Lancaster, who was one of the competitors. He succeeded in securing 80 per cent. marks, which is a remarkably good achievement, we think, considering that entrants came from all parts of the British Isles. May he reach a still higher standard next time.

Everything is going on satisfactorily so far as J. Bolton, of Wigan, is concerned, though the boot trade has not recovered even yet from the effects of that disastrous strike.

Friends will be glad to hear that the health of T. Ashall, who is also a Wigan man, has very much improved of late. He thinks it is due, in part, to his interest in netting. His special line is string containers.

"Quite a nice lot of repairs in sight," contentedly says F. W. Westaway, of Yeovil.

L. Hutchinson has settled into a very new bungalow at Huntington, Yorks. It promises to be a most attractive little home when the decorations are complete.

Poultry keep A. Jarvis, of Bordon, busy. He had fine projects of fattening-up turkeys for Christmas, as a side line, but has had bad luck with these delicate birds so far, having only three left out of fourteen. We hope these three will be prize birds.

When getting out of an underground train, J. Gibbons, of Chelsea, had an unpleasant fall a week or so back. He fell on his shoulder, so naturally his arm is very stiff, and he cannot use it easily, but we hope that he will be out of bandages and about again long before these lines appear.

Repair work and mats are the dual occupations of F. C. Morgan, of Derby, who, by the way, has just joined our wireless band.

Another Derby man, who is a most notably keen and steady worker, is S. C. Smith. He spends regular hours at his mat frame, and is willing to tackle any shape ordered.

Among the many who have discovered that it pays to attend markets with their wares is C. E. Thomas, of Tormorden. He seems to have quite a steady round of customers.

J. Vernon, of Rugeley, has at last succeeded in obtaining a new house, an extremely nice little place, we hear, and one in which we hope he will be very happy.

"Health much better and all going happily" is the news from W. Tremble, of Knaresboro'.

Poultry is a new pursuit with S. Page, of Crofton, but he is finding his fourteen chickens of absorbing interest.

Another whose health has been improving is F. W. Brooker, of Brighton; this is no doubt due to his getting out so much more than he did a little while ago.

A goat is the latest acquisition of J. Selby, of Larkfield. Everything going on quite satisfactorily, says S. Gobourn, of Cheltenham. J. Bennett, another Cheltenham man, has had a great deal of benefit from his massage treatment.

Our holiday-makers have been in many localities, a number in Wales and some few in Ireland; among the last is J. Pearson, of Pendleton.

All report themselves as feeling "quite different men," as a result of their respective changes, and ready to settle down for the winter's work. W. H. Whiteside, of Lytham, says he has been noticeably busier since his return. His boy continues to do remarkably well at school. By the way, what of St. Dunstan's daughters? In this number, at least, it has not been possible to comment on any laurels won by them, although several boys have deserved praise.

"All well and quite cheery" is all we have to say about A. W. Grocott, of N. Kensington, but this short news is good news.

Another of our basket workers who is hard at it is G. J. Smith, of Fenny Compton, Warwickshire. Like so many others, Smith finds his wireless a constant joy.

Malvern sends just about enough work to A. Hinton to keep him employed, and with this, his garden and his pullets, he finds contentment. "Jogging along as usual," says P. Fairclough, of Liverpool.

Baskets and his son are the main interests of W. J. Ritchie, of Sevenoaks. The boy, by the way, has done very well at school and is second in the district for scripture.

Another young St. Dunstan-by-proxy who must have mention is the son of J. E. Bell, of Fulham. He has got into his firm's cricket and water-polo teams.

Orders are beginning to come in to R. Boyter, of Cupar, Fife, although he has only had his hut up and started work there a very short time. A. Hall, of Selsey, has also had his hut erected and says "All's well." R. Higson, of Wigan, is getting through a fair amount of work, and his health continues good. "Ever so fair," says S. Catlow, of Nelson, in regard to his proceedings with poultry. A. G. Rogers, of Langford, is busy as usual, and the same may be said of E. J. Laker, of Haverhill, C. Roach, of Darlington, T. Carter, of the same trade (poultry) and same district;

W. Squires, who is getting a good connection for boots and mats in Ringwood. D. H. Thomas, of Cardiff, who is building up quite a useful little business; and P. White, of Leominster, Herefordshire, who is getting on well with his netting.

A. H. Fisher, of Clerkenwell, is doing fairly well with nets. H. Anderson, of Letchworth, is looking and feeling much better, and R. Shaw is sticking well to his job of mat-making at Burnley.

An Unique Gift

Miss Adeline Thellusson, our popular Matron-Commandant at the Brighton Annexe, has had a very interesting and unique gift made her by L. A. Wilson, of North Ormesby. This takes the form of a model steamship made entirely of small pieces of scrap wood, with the propeller fashioned from parts of an old clock. The ship is 19½ inches long, with a 3½ inch beam, and Wilson bought only the anchors and chain. He has called the model "S.S. 'Adeline'" in appreciation, as Wilson express it, of the many kindnesses shown by Miss Thellusson, "not only to myself, but to hundreds of other St. Dunstaners." We congratulate Wilson both on the skill shown in making this ingenious model, and upon the happy thought which prompted its presentation to Matron.

For St. Dunstan's

At a garden party recently held in aid of St. Dunstan's, G. W. Savory, of Sheffield gave a special demonstration of the various forms of basket making. We understand that the garden party was a great success from every point of view, and congratulate Savory upon the material contribution he made towards that success.

Doctor Bridges' Loss

St. Dunstaners everywhere will extend their sympathy to Doctor E. Chittenden Bridges, St. Dunstan's ever-popular medical adviser, in the loss on 6th October last of his devoted wife.

"In Memory"

SERGEANT JAMES RESTALL
(6th South Lancashire Regiment)

WITH deep regret we have to announce the death of this St. Dunstaner. Restall enlisted within a week or so of the outbreak of war, and was wounded at Champagne in May 1918. He became a St. Dunstaner in February 1919, and remained with us at Headquarters until April 1922, when he was set up in business in Manchester. Although greatly handicapped by the undermining of his physical health, Restall put forward every effort to take advantage of opportunities offered him, and made an ever-plucky fight against increasing ill-health, which unhappily necessitated his spending a great deal of time in hospital. For the past year he had been getting gradually weaker, and he passed away on the 24th September.

The funeral took place at the Harpurhey Cemetery on 28th September, the coffin being draped with the Union Jack. Among many beautiful floral tributes was one in the form of our badge, bearing the inscription "With deepest sympathy from Captain Fraser and his other comrades at St. Dunstan's."

Restall was 52 years of age, and leaves a widow and four children—three of whom are married—to mourn the memory of a good husband and father, who, throughout the whole of his illness, maintained a true St. Dunstaner's spirit.

CAPTAIN F. P. PIERSON WEBBER

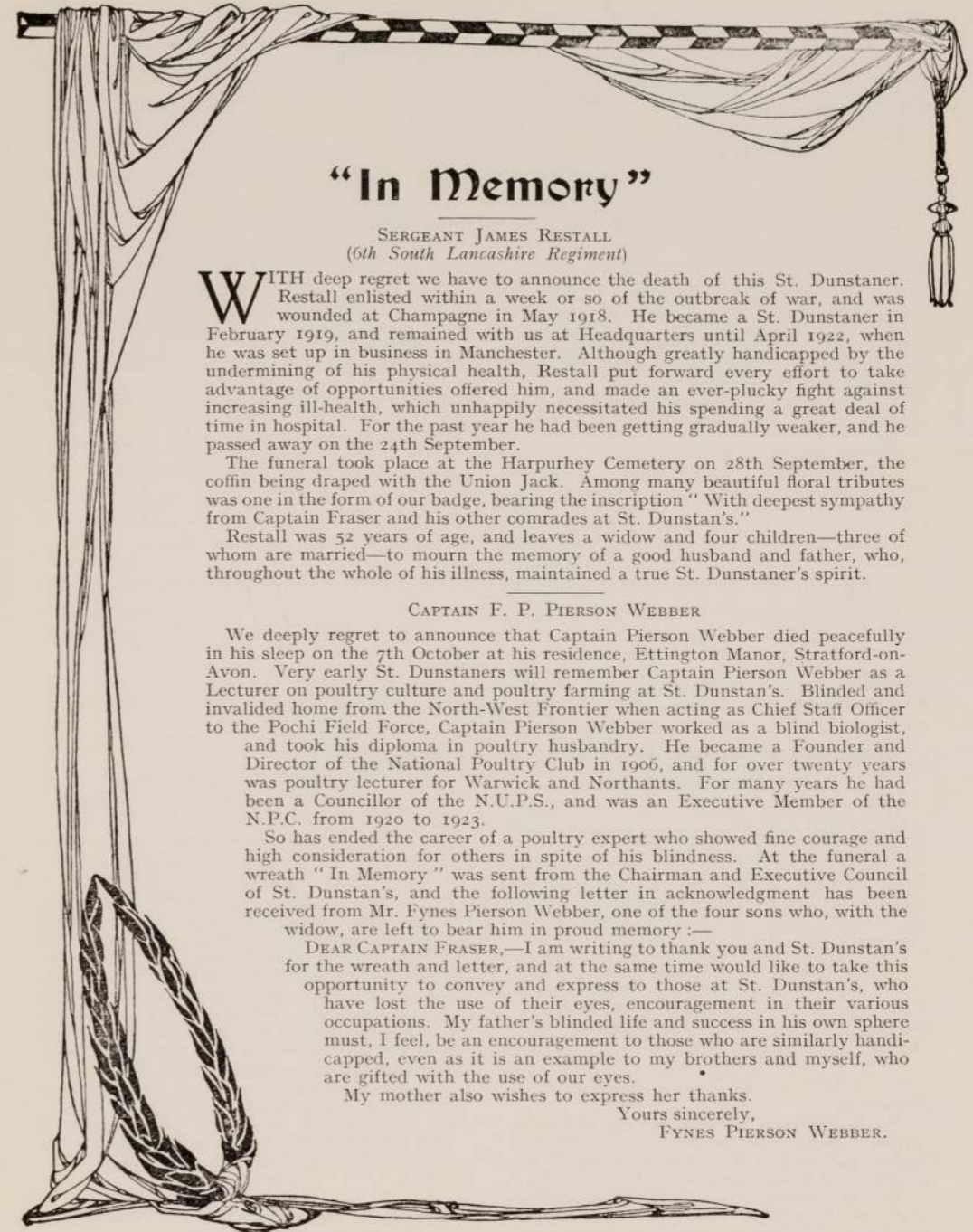
We deeply regret to announce that Captain Pierson Webber died peacefully in his sleep on the 7th October at his residence, Ettington Manor, Stratford-on-Avon. Very early St. Dunstaners will remember Captain Pierson Webber as a Lecturer on poultry culture and poultry farming at St. Dunstan's. Blinded and invalided home from the North-West Frontier when acting as Chief Staff Officer to the Pochi Field Force, Captain Pierson Webber worked as a blind biologist, and took his diploma in poultry husbandry. He became a Founder and Director of the National Poultry Club in 1906, and for over twenty years was poultry lecturer for Warwick and Northants. For many years he had been a Councillor of the N.U.P.S., and was an Executive Member of the N.P.C. from 1920 to 1923.

So has ended the career of a poultry expert who showed fine courage and high consideration for others in spite of his blindness. At the funeral a wreath "In Memory" was sent from the Chairman and Executive Council of St. Dunstan's, and the following letter in acknowledgment has been received from Mr. Fynes Pierson Webber, one of the four sons who, with the widow, are left to bear him in proud memory:—

DEAR CAPTAIN FRASER,—I am writing to thank you and St. Dunstan's for the wreath and letter, and at the same time would like to take this opportunity to convey and express to those at St. Dunstan's, who have lost the use of their eyes, encouragement in their various occupations. My father's blinded life and success in his own sphere must, I feel, be an encouragement to those who are similarly handicapped, even as it is an example to my brothers and myself, who are gifted with the use of our eyes.

My mother also wishes to express her thanks.

Yours sincerely,
FYNES PIERSON WEBBER.



Prince of Wales at St. Dunstan's—Armistice Day Celebrations

THIS will take place on Tuesday, the 8th November, at St. John's Lodge, Inner Circle, *not*, as in past years, at the Bungalow.

Arrangements have been made by the Captain Fraser Subscription Committee, of which all St. Dunstaners know, to make the presentation to Captain Fraser, on behalf of all St. Dunstaners, at this dance.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has graciously consented to present the gift, so a record attendance is expected. It is hoped that all St. Dunstaners in London and the Home Counties will make an effort to be present, and while men from the provinces will be most welcome, it is regretted that sleeping accommodation cannot be offered by St. Dunstan's. After-Care Officers and men all over the country will be well represented, as in addition to the Subscription Committee, the members of which are all After-Care men with one exception, those men convalescing at Brighton, numbering about thirty-five, will come to Headquarters for the occasion.

For the benefit of those who cannot attend, the fullest possible report of the proceedings will be given in next month's REVIEW.

Please specially note that—(a) Admission to the Dance will be by ticket only.

(b) Each St. Dunstaner can be allowed only one escort.

* (c) All applications for tickets to be made to Matron at Headquarters before Friday, the 4th November.

(d) Dancing will commence at eight p.m. sharp.

(e) Medals should be worn.

It is hoped that St. Dunstaners and their wives will make a special effort, in view of the large numbers expected, to leave the babies at home on this occasion. If this is *quite* impossible will men, when applying for tickets to Matron, please say if baby has to be brought along.

E. M. C. B.

*This applies also to old members of St. Dunstan's Staff, helpers and visitors who have always been made welcome to Armistice Dances. If all such will please apply for tickets these will be issued as space permits.

Canadian Greetings to Fellow St. Dunstaners

The following letters have recently passed between the Sir Arthur Pearson Club of Toronto and Headquarters. We think that, without added words from us, they speak eloquently of the undimmed spirit of comradeship which distinguishes St. Dunstan's throughout the Empire:—

Club Headquarters,
186 Beverley Street,
Toronto 2, Ontario.

St. Dunstan's,
23rd September 1927.

Inner Circle, Regent's Park,
London, N.W.1, England.

Attention—Capt. Fraser, Chairman

DEAR SIR,

The sixth annual general meeting of the Sir Arthur Pearson Club of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors was held at the above address on the afternoon of Friday, 9th September 1927.

On this occasion it was unanimously resolved that hearty greetings and best wishes be forwarded to St. Dunstan's with the request that

they be accepted and forwarded to Imperial ex-St. Dunstaners.

Wishing you all success in the future,

I remain, yours faithfully,

E. A. BAKER,

Secretary-Treasurer.

St. Dunstan's Headquarters,
Regent's Park, N.W.1.

DEAR CAPTAIN BAKER, 12th October 1927.

Very many thanks for your letter of 23rd September and for the message of greeting which it conveyed from the members of the Sir Arthur Pearson Club of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors. I am sure I am speaking on behalf of all other blinded ex-service men when I say that we heartily reciprocate the good wishes of your members, and appreciate their thought for their comrades at their Annual General Meeting.

I will ask the Editor of the ST. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW to make reference to this greeting in the next issue, in order that the greetings of your members may reach all their fellow St. Dunstaners. With heartiest good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

IAN FRASER,

Capt. E. A. Baker, M.C., Chairman,
186 Beverley Street, Toronto.

Poultry Notes

Two Years' Egg Laying Test

Officially Recognised by the National Poultry Council

Report for 11th Period 14th August to 10th September 1927

THERE has been a very marked improvement in egg size during the 11th month. The percentage of first grade being 87.19 against 77.52 for the previous month.

The total number of eggs produced was 437 against 387 for the 10th period. This, as will be seen from the table below, is equal to an average of 13.24 eggs per bird.

Broodiness has again been very prevalent

—7 birds having passed through the broody coops. The ring numbers are as follows:—365, 367, 371, 377, 378, 385 and 388.

The condition and general health of the flock has been good.

Mr. F. E. C. Bulley's pen is now leading with a score of 715 and Mr. A. E. Trigg's pen has fallen back to second place with a score of 709.

TABLE OF PRODUCTION AND BREED AVERAGES

	No. of Birds	Eggs Laid Grades			Total	Average per Bird
		1	2	3		
White Leghorns	11	91	19	—	110	10.00
Rhode Island Reds	17	229	30	—	259	15.18
White Wyandottes	2	31	5	—	36	18.00
White Bresse	3	26	2	—	28	9.33
Unrecorded	—	4	—	—	4	
Totals	33	381	56	—	437	13.24

RESULTS TO END OF ELEVENTH MONTH (44 WEEKS)

Any Breed (Four Pullets and One Reserve)

Pen No.	Owner and Breed	Eggs Laid Eleventh Period			Eggs Laid to Date			Total all Grades	Score Value	Test Value of best 4 Birds	Temp. Pos.
		1	2	3	1	2	3				
1	Tindall, J. H. .. (White Leghorns)	52	10	—	594	136	4	734	649	567	5
2	Bulman, C. R. .. (White Leghorns)	11	7	—	281	370	27	678	481	429	9
3	Gibson, D. (White Leghorns)	28	2	—	449	159	1	609	560	495	7
4	Condon, C. T. .. (R.I.R.)	32	16	—	529	197	2	728	673	575	3
5	Trigg, A. E. (R.I.R.)	74	13	—	725	172	1	898	858	709	2
6	Bisset, L. A. (R.I.R.)	56	—	—	611	87	1	699	698	571	4
7	Capper, A. H. (White Bresse)	26	2	—	462	82	2	546	541	485	8
8	Bulley, F. E. C. .. (R.I.R.)	67	1	—	769	67	—	836	836	715	1
9	Maclean, D. (White Wyandotte)	31	5	—	412	169	41	622	560	501	6



SPORTS CLUB NOTES



WE begin quite a new era in our Sports. Do you all know the Present Care Sports at Headquarters have ceased—I should say almost ceased, because there are about seven men on telephony who need some sports provision? Cpl.-Major Tovell will still do all he can to provide the jerks and football competitions for these boys, and we know they will be well looked after. In addition the After Care will be delighted to welcome "the seven" at their Tuesday evening sports, and that will increase our competition spirit.

SPORTS MEETING

Although the eve of 4th October was not at all a nice one, from the weather point of view, for we had an early touch of fog, yet I am sure everybody present will agree in saying that our Sports Meeting was one of the best we have had. There was a goodly company of close on 50, and with Captain Fraser in the chair, supported by Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Bates, and Miss Greenwood, we made an excellent commencement. Captain Fraser, in an admirable opening speech, very clearly placed the position before us. He assured us—but did we need assurance after all the willing help he has given us?—of his keen interest in our sports, and his desire that we should carry on as formerly with the cordial support of himself and his Council. In all probability the Bungalow will have to be taken down shortly; and he wished then and there to express our great gratitude to Mr. Otto Kahn for his great kindness in permitting a building—which was certainly useful but not artistically beautiful—to remain up so long on his lovely grounds. It was clear that the sportsmen needed accommodation for sports, dressing and training, and Captain Fraser told us, to our great joy, of the provision of a large room on the site of the present workshops, which could be used by us on at least two nights per week. Tuesday would be for sports, and perhaps another night, to be mutually arranged, for training purposes. In addition to the usual

lavatory and washing accommodation, he was seeing if a shower bath could be supplied. It is just up to the sportsmen to show their appreciation by backing up the sports whole heartedly, and I am convinced we will have a thoroughly enjoyable season.

I next tried to briefly explain our plans:—Cpl.-Major Tovell would organise the parties to the *Football* Matches at Chelsea, Fulham and Arsenal, to which by the courtesy and generosity of these famous clubs we have been invited. Also to the various boxing matches. Those wishing to go must get in touch with Tovell, and he will tell them what to do. With regard to the *boxing* matches, as only a few seats are available, a draw may be necessary. Instructor Jones will carry on his very successful *swimming* lessons at the Marylebone Baths on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Any men who wish to start will be welcomed by Mr. Jones. *Rowing* will be available for those who communicate with Miss Stacey or Miss Woolrych, and it is just as well to get one's muscles loosened in view of the Regatta, which has been promised us again, *if enough support* is given by the men.

Sports will be held regularly on Tuesdays commencing at 7 p.m. prompt, and in the summer we hope to have occasional Saturday afternoon events. *Running* events will be organised if sufficient interest is shown. The rest of the evening was taken up by arranging our walking programme. It was decided to have races for 3, 9, 15 and 25 miles; the approximate times being (1) three miles on 10th December—entries to be sent in to the sports office not later than 26th November next; (2) nine miles in January 1928; (3) 15 miles at the end of March; (4) 25 miles, if possible, at Maidenhead in April or May.

We will get into touch with the Birmingham and Manchester Clubs, and get our shield arrangements made as early as possible so that there can be ample time for training purposes.

The discussion was always interesting and good feeling, which of course sportsmen should always show, was uppermost all through. Our grateful thanks are indeed due to Captain Fraser not only for his active support of our cause but also for his kindness in coming along on such a wretched night and presiding with such tact, humour and expedition.

MISS AIRS

I am sure that all sportsmen who have known Miss Airs during the many years she has been sports secretary and during the time she has been coming up on Tuesdays to help us will be very sorry to learn that the time has come when she has to sever her active connection with us. She leaves this month to join her husband, Mr. J. J. McClellan, at Northampton, and we join in thanking her for her past services, and also wishing her and her dear ones the best of good wishes for their future. I know she will never forget us, and we will always be glad to welcome her whenever she can come up to see us.

J. E. W.

BOXING

On Thursday, 13th October, we attended the Royal Albert Hall. The *piece de resistance* was Teddy Baldock (London) *v.* Willie Smith (South Africa). As was to be expected between two such exponents of the art, it was one of the best contests possible. The spectators seated round us were very surprised but pleased to see the great interest our boys displayed in the whole proceedings. The minor bouts were all contested and we met many old friends. The boys voted it a thoroughly good evening.

SWIMMING

Our swimmers have of late given some very fine exhibitions. The Surrey ladies again kindly invited them to their Annual Gala at Kingston. Many of the old boys will remember this happy hunting ground. In the race our old friend (Jacko) Jackson was first, Alexander second, Kerr third and Burran fourth. A very good race.

At the L. Div. Police Gala held at Battersea the result was Alexander first, Kerr second, Jackson third, and Burran fourth. A splendid race—our boys receiving a tremendous ovation from the spectators.

Walthamstow Swimming Club again gave us a race and the result was—Alexander first, McFarlane second, Thompson third, and Rhodes fourth. A very close thing. "Watch the *Dark Horse*." (There are no prizes offered to name this one.) The latest swimming conundrum—"What do you do when the car ceases to function?"

W. A. T.

THREE MILE WALK—10TH DECEMBER

Please note that all entries must be in the sports office by 26th November.

After-Care Sports

THE After-Care Summer Sports ended on 27th September and so concluded a long-fought fight between McFarlane and Webster for 2nd place in the T.B. section, Deegan having secured and retained the first position throughout the term, and at times leading Fleming, who once again takes the first prize in the S.S., McSteel and Roden being second and third respectively. I think we can safely say that everyone enjoyed some quite cheery gatherings on the Sports Ground throughout our English summer, when it was never too hot to prevent some good sprinting.

Now that I am no longer at Headquarters I hope that I shall still see an even greater number of sportsmen on a Tuesday evening, when I shall always endeavour to be present and see that everyone is really energetic, and not too hard on the scorer!

POINTS

27TH SEPTEMBER 1927

1. Fleming .. 86½	9. Prior .. 30
2. Deegan .. 80	10. Dixon .. 21½
3. McFarlane .. 70½	11. Hughes .. 19
4. Webster .. 67	12. Martin .. 18
5. McSteel .. 61	13. Henry .. 13
6. Roden .. 55	14. Taylor .. 9
7. Scott .. 51	15. Lynch .. 4
8. Burran .. 34	

G. J. S.

Braille Notes

We heartily congratulate the following men on passing their Braille Writing Test: D. McClean, W. Riley, G. Richardson, H. J. Fleming, J. Dunks, P. Johns, W. Ruddock, and H. Gale.

The Birmingham Walk

THE annual road walk of the Birmingham St. Dunstan's Sports Club took place on 27th August, and was keenly contested by members of the London and Birmingham teams. The race was over a distance of fourteen miles, starting from the Farcroft Hotel, Birmingham. There were eighteen starters, of whom fifteen completed the course. Some excellent times were put up—A. Brown finished eight minutes quicker than last year, and W. Trott broke his own record by four minutes. The very keen competition for the team prizes ended in a draw on the placings of the first three men home. After a consultation the officials decided to count the fourth man home for each team, which resulted in a win for Birmingham by two points.

The results of the race were as follows:—

	h.	m.	s.
1.—A. Brown (London) ..	2	5	57
2.—W. Trott (Birmingham) ..	2	10	51
3.—H. Groves (London) ..	2	18	39
4.—P. Holmes (Birmingham) ..	2	18	35
5.—E. Read (Birmingham) ..	2	21	32
6.—W. S. Castle (Birmingham) ..	2	23	8
7.—W. Giles (Birmingham) ..	2	23	28
8.—A. Benning (Birmingham) ..	2	25	12
9.—H. Lowings (London) ..	2	27	39
10.—H. Kerr (London) ..	2	27	59
11.—H. V. Thompson (London) ..	2	36	6
12.—F. Lenderyou (London) ..	2	41	37
13.—G. H. Cooke (Birmingham) ..	2	42	43
14.—A. Taylor (Birmingham) ..	2	44	18
15.—W. Shakespeare (Birmingham) ..	2	44	59

Sealed Handicap—1st G. H. Cooke (50min. start), 1hr. 52min. 43sec.; 2nd W. Giles (25min.), 1hr. 58min. 28sec.; 3rd H. Groves (20min.), 1hr. 58min. 30sec.

Novices' Prizes: 1st A. Bennings; 2nd H. Kerr.

Team Race: Birmingham 17pts., London 19pts.

After the walk competitors, with their wives and escorts, were entertained to tea by Mr. Murphy at the Farcroft Hotel. This is the sixth year in succession that Mr. Murphy has extended his wonderful hospitality to our walkers, and we should like to place on record our sincere gratitude for the deep interest he takes in the Club. We are also most grateful to the many kind supporters of the Club who provided the prizes,

and to Captain Fraser for presenting the Silver Cup for the first man home. After tea Mr. Murphy undertook the distribution of the prizes, and was himself presented with a pocket-book by the members of the Birmingham Club as a small token of their appreciation of all he does for them each year.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-seven has been a record year for the Club, both financially and socially. The dance organised by Mr. Murphy at the Farcroft Hotel resulted in the most encouraging balance of £35 17s. 2d. to the credit of the Club.

A Blind Hero

The following extract from a report in a local paper dealing with the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to open the new Workington Docks will be of interest:—

While the Prince was marching round, accompanied by Major Valentine, he spotted various casualty cases and always had a kindly and encouraging word for each of them. His attention centred on John Straughton who is now blind. The Prince asked him how he was getting on and what he was doing and was told that Straughton was now in charge of the telephone exchange at the United Steel Works offices. After a sympathetic word, H.R.H. put out his hand to shake with Straughton. The incident was in itself strikingly pathetic. The blinded hero, of course, could not see the Royal hand, and the Prince realised this and grasped Straughton's hand and gave it a real, true friendly grip and wished him happiness. We may say that we understand that "John," as he is best known by, though blind, is not only most attentive at his work, but very efficient. John's all right!

The splendid total of £89 11s. 6d. was realised at the recent "Cameo Day" for St. Dunstan's held at Weymouth. We learn with much interest that R. W. Chaplin happened to be spending the day at Weymouth on this particular occasion, and was asked to do a little collecting. This he did with such success that he took up £1 10s. 1½d in a little over an hour. We congratulate him on this fine result of his efforts.

News from China

IN a very interesting letter to Captain Fraser, A. A. Biggs, who, as many St. Dunstaners know, is in practice as a masseur in Shanghai, combines some first-hand news of the military and economic position out there, with some amusing stories within his personal knowledge. A story which throws an interesting light on the general mentality of the Chinese native Biggs tells as follows:—

"A military tattoo was organised and carried out on the King's birthday under the auspices of the Race Club and General Sir John Duncan, C.O. of the Troops here—the money to go to naval and military charities. Thirty thousand dollars was raised. The day after the tattoo Sir John had to go to Tientsin to arrange for the garrison of troops there. As soon as the Chinese propagandists heard of this they immediately printed handbills in Chinese to announce the rush of Sir John to Japan via Tientsin with the boodle raised from the tattoo. These people are really wonderful; their brains work in one groove the whole time—dollars and hatred of the foreigner within the gates. I often listen to their conversation, and that is usually what it is about.

"During the past week the wire barricades and sand bags have been removed from the settlement boundaries, and if it were not for the troops here everything would be in its normal state. Whilst on the subject of troops, they are having the time of their lives, being feted here, there, and everywhere.

"Whilst the barricades were round the settlement, curfew was proclaimed. Europeans were not very much affected by this, but Chinese were placed in custody if caught on the streets after ten at night. My unfortunate chauffeur spent two nights in quod, but managed to get out at six in the morning, thus enabling him to be ready for me at seven.

"One humorous incident came to my notice during the time curfew was imposed. A street vendor of food and sweetmeats made a point of being locked up in

the central station every night for a week, until the police found out his trick. He was armed with his perambulating kitchen and a goodly supply of foodstuffs. Once locked up in the compound with the rest, he plied his trade to great advantage—a little bit of Hebrew or Scotch strain there, I should think."

On the more serious side, Biggs expresses the opinion that unless a settlement is made very soon, British interests will be seriously jeopardised. He writes: "It is already very noticeable the number of smaller business houses that are being forced to close down—a daily increase of office space being advertised in the papers which has its own significance; auctions of cargo which Chinese merchants have refused to take over, and, most serious of all, a falling off of shipping up the Yangtze to the different outports."

In offering Captain Fraser congratulations on the completion of his five years as chairman of St. Dunstan's, Biggs also sends his best wishes and kindest remembrances to all his friends in the Old Country.

The successes of Lieut. J. F. Smith, the Canadian St. Dunstaner, are specially featured in the *Telegraph Journal*, of Montreal, a copy of which has reached us. It states that Lieut. Smith has made a splendid record at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, where he shared with his wife the chief honours of the recent graduation exercises of that institution. He has just completed the four-year course, where he was awarded the Alumni prize of \$25 for the best general average gained in examinations during the entire four years—his average being 93.2. He also won the Edgar O. Holden prize of \$25 for the best work in applied anatomy. When the Dean of the College presented the prizes, he referred to the great pride which his associates had taken in Lieut. Smith's splendid career. Mrs. Smith, at the graduation exercises, received the gold key and certificate of Signa Alpha Omicron, honorary fraternity given for scholastic excellence, exceptional ability, and practical application in the classes, clinics and laboratories. She also received

the J. Ivan Dufur prize of \$25 for the most worthy graduate in neurology and psychiatry, and the H. McD. G. Bellew prize of \$10 for the best essay on "The Control of Pain." It is notable that there were 92 members of the graduating class, and only ten cash prizes were given, five of which were captured by Lieut. and Mrs. Smith. The former has accepted an appointment on the faculty of the College as an instructor in the departments of anatomy and physiology of the nervous system.

He and his wife have been fellow students throughout their college course. They were married about three years ago, and will practise their professions in Philadelphia, where Mrs. Smith has an appointment on the College staff.

G. Fallowfield, of Codicote, contributes the following interesting letter to a recent issue of "Cycling":—

A BLIND CYCLIST

Cycling is not only an exercise, but one of the very best. Cycling, rowing and walking were the first exercises at St. Dunstan's for the blinded ex-service men; these were chosen because they could be taken not merely as an exercise, but as both sport and pleasure. I took up the two last-named but on my discharge found I had made a little mistake; there being no lake or river, rowing went at once, and there being no athletic clubs about, it took me over a year to find a pal who could take me out fast walking. During this first year, however, I had found the road there and my wife able to steer a tandem—hence, cycling came the best after all. One thing that pleases me when I take a ride for pleasure is, I am not sitting, as I would in a train or car, helpless, but am doing the same as my companion—propelling myself.

Cycling and walking appear to me very much attached to each other; they are the two best of exercises; they can be taken at any time and without any elaborate preparations; they are both a pleasure; both can be taken on the road or track, and both take up very little space. One of the greatest advantages in them is, you can start as steadily as you wish, and when travelling at the very top of your speed there is not the

vibration and jar to the body that there is in most other exercises, games and outdoor sports. Again, there is not any need to come to a dead stop at the end of your ride or walk.

I am not a medical man, but I consider all games which are played with bursts and jerks very bad for the heart and lungs. If taken properly, cycling and walking are the two very best exercises, sports and pleasures.

GEO. FALLOWFIELD.

In sending the cutting, Fallowfield incidentally pays high tribute to Archie Brown's athletic abilities.

In an article in the press, Ronald Gourlay, the blind pianist and entertainer, who is so well-known for his light-hearted entertainments over the wireless, says he is always glad to accept offers of help, and calls to mind an amusing incident in this connection which happened to him on New Year's Day in Aberdeen. He wanted to cross the road from his hotel to the broadcasting station, and asked an Aberdonian to lend him a hand. "Why?" the Aberdonian demanded. He explained that he was blind. "Ah, weel," was the unexpected reply, "I've been celebrating a bit myself."

Tribute to the broadcasting of football matches is paid by a reader of the *Daily Herald*, who says:—

It is now some fifteen years or more since I saw a football match.

I have almost forgotten the sight of the green patch with the 22 men arrayed in lines ready to match their brains and brawn against their opponents.

But last Saturday, I once again saw the forwards dashing along in beautiful formation, the halves and backs pitting their wits, the corner-kick being taken by the fast right-winger, the acceptance of the ball by another of the forwards, the clever manœuvring for an opening, and, finally, the well-deserved goal.

Such has the wonderful invention of man brought to my sightless eyes. Let no man after this condemn the radio in my presence. At last there is at least one person in the country who is satisfied with the programme.

Births and Deaths

Births

ANDERSON.—On the 12th of August, to the wife of A. Anderson, of Letham, a daughter.

BROOKES.—On 15th August, to the wife of A. T. Brookes, of Bournemouth, a son (Eustace Frank).

BROWN.—To the wife of J. C. Brown, of Wellington, Salop, a daughter on 2nd September.

CLAMPETT.—On the 11th August, to the wife of W. V. Clampett, of Banbury, a son.

DURRANT.—On the 24th July, to the wife of S. Durrant, of Wimborne, a son (Arthur William).

FALLOWFIELD.—To the wife of G. Fallowfield, of Codicote, a daughter on the 24th August.

GREEN.—On Sunday, the 18th September, a daughter, to the wife of H. Green, of Hornsey.

HOLMES.—On the 6th August, a son, to the wife of W. Holmes, of Durham.

LAWLOR.—A son (Henry Edward) to the wife of G. Lawlor, of Walsall, on the 2nd September.

MACFARLANE.—To the wife of J. Macfarlane, of Kilburn, on the 9th July, a son (Neil Stewart).

MILLAR.—On the 9th August, to the wife of W. Millar, of Hook, a daughter (Sheila Mary).

MOELLER.—On the 10th August, to the wife of J. Moeller, of Dagenham, a son.

SAUNDERS.—On the 8th of August, to the wife of T. W. Saunders, of Bethnal Green Road, E.2, a daughter.

SMITH.—On the 4th of August, to the wife of A. Smith, of Harlesden, a daughter (Gladys).

SMITH.—To the wife of H. Smith, of Stalybridge, a son, on the 26th of July.

SWINGLER.—On the 8th of August, to the wife of E. Swingler, of Tuxford, Notts, a daughter.

TARRY.—To the wife of F. W. Tarry, of Hastings, a daughter on the 7th of September.

WEBB.—To the wife of A. Webb, of Birmingham, a daughter (Jean) on the 13th of August.

WEEKS.—On the 5th of August, to the wife of H. Weeks, of Bristol, a son.

Deaths

This month we have to offer sympathy to the following:—

BURLEY.—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Burley, of Cornwall, who lost their little daughter on the 9th of September.

HAM.—J. Ham, of Cardiff, who has lost his step-father as the result of a motor accident.

HORSFALL.—T. Horsfall, of Cheriton, Folkestone, who lost his wife on the 13th ult., after a long and lingering illness very patiently borne.

JENKINS.—L. C. R. Jenkins, of Bristol, who lost his youngest sister (Irene May), aged 19 years, on Monday, the 25th of July. She died at Winsley, after being there seven months.

LANE.—M. Lane, of Waltham Cross, who lost his father recently. His death was very sudden.

MATTHEWS.—G. Matthews, of Petersfield, who lost his youngest child (Margaret) on the 31st of August.

PEARSON.—J. E. Pearson, of Flixton, whose mother passed away very suddenly on the 17th ult. and was buried on the following Saturday in Flixton Churchyard. She was 66 years of age.

PUGH.—H. Pugh, of Islington, whose father died suddenly on the 4th of September. He was 71 years of age.

SHERWOOD.—A. E. Sherwood, of Reading, who lost his only sister on the 30th of July after a long and painful illness.

SPACKMAN.—Mr. and Mrs. Spackman, of Debenham, whose baby son died on the 17th of August. He was only nine weeks old.

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ST. DUNSTAN'S IN SOUTH AFRICA

On the opposite page we reproduce a photograph taken at a gathering of the British Manufacturers' Representatives Association on St. Dunstan's Day, when the Association held another of their successful golf tournaments over the links of the Mowbray Club, at Rapenburg, and as a result of which over £300 was raised for St. Dunstan's funds. His Excellency the Governor-General presented the prizes at the conclusion of play, and paid high tribute to what the Association had done for St. Dunstan's and also to the noble work of Mrs. Charles H. Vincent, O.B.E., our energetic South African representative and after-care worker. Amongst those also present were Advocate Bowen and the Mayor of Cape Town. The arrangements were as usual admirably carried out, and were in the hands of Mr. E. A. Harrison, the president of the Association, and Mr. A. J. S. Simpson, the chairman of the Entertainments Committee. It is interesting to note that through their annual golf competition the British Manufacturers' Representatives Association have raised about £3,300 for war charities.

We have received from R. Sweeting, of Oldham, the sad story of "The Man who would keep House." Many St. Dunstaners will remember the series of misfortunes which descended upon the head of this presumptuous gentleman, but we regret that our space does not permit us to publish in full this amusing poem which Sweeting so kindly sends.

Any Books Wanted?

That ever kindly friend of St. Dunstan's, Miss Nina Stephenson-Browne, asks if any of our readers happen to know of an invalid ex-service man who would care to receive occasionally a parcel of books or magazines. She has one or two people like this on her list, but would like to extend her circle of recipients. Miss Stephenson-Browne's address is Clarence House, Portstewart, Northern Ireland.

A Splendid Shop

At Midland Road, Wellingborough, G. Craddock has made his shop most attractive in appearance, and has been steadily developing his trade ever since he started in 1926. His stock is arranged in fixtures, and Craddock, despite the loss of both eyes and his right hand, can readily go to any of these and supply the wants of a customer. Indeed, his activity and certainty of movement are such that many of his customers are unaware of his handicaps. We are interested to learn also that in addition to his retail trade, Craddock has commenced to develop a wholesale business.

Crow Thieves

Our recent paragraph in the REVIEW that some St. Dunstaners have had chicks taken by crows leads E. J. Roberts, of Hereford, to write and tell us that he had two hatches of ten in ground coops, where the chicks could run out but the hens were penned in. Crows took nine out of the twenty and Roberts expresses the opinion that had the hens been at liberty they would have fought the black robbers.

A Clever Young St. Dunstaner

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davies, of Llandyssul. Their elder son, aged 11, has just passed, with honours, the (piano) examination of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music.

Nine Years Ago

In the letter enclosing a description of the Menin Gate Memorial Unveiling which we published last month, H. G. Gransby, of Willesden, comments that he is writing on the ninth anniversary of the opening of his shop.

"I am very pleased to say I have been busy ever since," he says. "Boots come in very nice and steady, and I find enough to do from Monday morning till Saturday night, while I still retain the very first customer for whom I did work on the day I opened."

Gransby, although a skilled mat-maker, cannot find time for this work also, and in a true St. Dunstan's spirit sends his mat customers to his friend Davies at Neasden.



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